

**DR. MAGNES PAINTS**  
**"A PEOPLE IN RAGS"**  
"Whole Race Visited With Disaster" in Poland and Lithuania.  
**ONLY HOPE JEWS HERE**  
"American Aid Sole Ray of Light That Pierces the Dark Cloud."

Dr. Judah L. Magnes last night issued an amplified report of the conditions he observed on his visit to the war zones abroad on behalf of the joint distribution committee for the relief of the Jewish war sufferers.

Dr. Magnes said the pressing immediate needs of the situation, to relieve which steps are now under way to raise \$50,000,000 in 1917 and the campaign for which will be started at Carnegie Hall on December 21, were such he wished to inform the American people more fully. This in no way affects Dr. Magnes's plan to raise a fund for rehabilitation purposes after the war. Dr. Magnes in his statement said:

"I do not believe the American people realize what hunger can be. As I saw it in the war zones of Poland and Lithuania it becomes more terrible than death and is incurable. In Poland and Lithuania it is not individuals but a whole race visited with disaster that words cannot describe. Suffering is futile. There is no one whom to beg. Sufferings do not avail. There is naught with which to answer them. The world for these people is enveloped in a cloud black as night, through which they are groping for help. And yet there is a ray. It is the thought in the minds of the Jewish people that over the seas in America, a land of freedom, of peace, of plenty, there have been thousands of their brothers and sisters who have thought, have helped and have been concerned."

"But while I am able and glad to report that many mouths have been filled and many homeless ones have been sheltered, the demand is so great, affecting so many nearly 2,000,000 souls, that the agencies have been inadequate and that much, oh, much more, must be done if these people are to live, if the race, the most affected and yet the most instrumental in leading to the conditions which blight it, is to be saved to the brotherhood of mankind. For the danger is great, the peril cannot be overestimated. If help, liberal, constant, steady, ever growing in volume, is not afforded them the Jewish people in Poland, in Lithuania and elsewhere in Europe will, should the war, become merely a memory, a tradition."

"In short it is the absolute duty of America—for no other nation can do it—and it is the primary duty of the members of the Jewish race in America, to feed these people until the war ends. And the Jews of America must make up their minds that this help must be afforded them, whether this be one year or ten. Nothing less will suffice."

"The misery of abject poverty is great, even where it could have been avoided by energy, by thrift or other qualities with which our people are so richly endowed. In this case nothing is availing. There is no work for strong hands and willing to do. Nothing but unemployment, idleness, resulting in idleness, idleness, idleness, idleness until the very memory of it is enough to take away the reason. Only that bodies are so weakened by privation as to make minds less sensitive than normally, wholesome madness must inevitably have ensued."

"Over all the areas I visited the impression left was one of agony, dumb, mute, made so because of its enormity, because of the full realization that expression is useless, that cries have no hearers, and that if they had the listeners could be unable to afford help. It is in this situation that obscure individual cases, even when extreme, and that makes the observer forget them, for where there is so much misery attention is not long concentrated on specific instances."

"What one sees is a people without clothes, a people in rags, a people without shoes, a people without light in their homes, if they have homes; a people without warmth, a people that has, however, such tremendous vitality, such a desire to live, it will not die. They themselves are hardly aware of what is happening except they know more people are dying, fewer babies are being born, that some are sick, that children that once could walk cannot walk any more, that some people that once could carry bundles cannot carry them any more. The same conditions prevail in Lemberg and throughout Galicia."

"The funds that have been sent have gone to Das Juedisches Hilfkomitee fur Polen, an organization of German Jews created for the sole purpose of distributing the funds from America sent by the joint distribution committee."

can be no misunderstanding as to the purpose for which the committee of German Jews was created, and as to the source of the funds distributed."

**20 YEAR CAMPAIGN**  
**OF JEWS TRIUMPHS**  
Charity Federation Plan Proposed Quarter of a Century Ago Is a Reality.

A twenty year campaign which has as its object the union of the Jewish charities of this city has just been brought to a successful conclusion. The Federation of the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, of which Felix M. Warburg is the head, will start its work on January 1.

For two months the federation has been trying to raise \$2,000,000 to get the central organization going, and has met with an unusual response in all parts of the city. The experience of other cities has shown that the public will give more to an association of charities than to a number of separate bodies.

Jacob H. Schiff proposed the federation plan a quarter of a century ago. It is expected that \$5,000 or more subscriptions will be handled by the central office and that each of the charities will receive as much as if not more than it collected last year. Those who make contributions may stipulate that some particular organization will benefit, or may let it go into the common fund.

Although the raising of \$2,000,000 at a time when the war charities are constantly before the public is a great task the executive board of the federation believes that those who supported Jewish organizations in years past will be joined by thousands of other persons who have not been reached successfully by the individual societies.

In Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland and Brooklyn the federation theory has been tried out with success.

Dr. Ira S. Wile Says Poverty Is Incompatible With the Health of the State.

Dr. Ira S. Wile in an article in the New York Medical Journal of November 22, says that the establishment in the United States of some form of health insurance so that the burden of unemployment and medical expenses of disabled workers may be lightened.

**BANK CLERK HELD**  
**FOR \$50,931 THEFT**  
James P. Miller, 29, of Liberty National, Arraigned and Sent to Tombs.

Unable to raise enough money among his friends to cover a shortage amounting to \$50,931, James P. Miller, 29 years old, a clerk in the security department of the Liberty National Bank, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Clarence S. Houghton yesterday on a warrant charging him with making false entries in the books of the bank to cover his peculations. He was held in \$10,000 bail for the Federal Grand Jury.

Ever since the discrepancies in his accounts were discovered by the bank, about two weeks ago, Miller, according to his own story, has been travelling about in this State and in Delaware trying to raise the required sum. He had succeeded, he says, in getting pledges for a large part of it when Andrew Carl, agent for the American Surety Company, which bonded him, swore out the complaint calling for his arrest.

Examiners Approved His Books. According to Assistant United States Attorney Samuel E. Hershenstein, Miller last April began to play the stock market with the money he raised by hypothecating securities which had been deposited with his bank as collateral for loans. In order to conceal the abstractions of the stock and bonds, it is alleged, he altered his books and did it so adroitly that the bank examiners, as late as last September, approved his records.

The one specific charge embodied in the complaint against Miller is that on April 2 last he changed his books so as to make it appear that the bank on that day had on hand in its joint loan account with the Chase National Bank \$83,250 of the bonds of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, whereas the real amount of the bonds was \$68,250.

Sold Short on Rising Market. As a speculator, Miller, it is alleged, showed poor judgment, selling short on a rising market such stocks as International Mercantile Marine and United Fruit. The brokerage firm with which he kept his account became suspicious of his apparently unlimited supply of money, however, and finding that he worked in a bank notified the officials there.

According to a statement made on November 12 by President Thomas Cochran of the Liberty National Bank, Miller confessed to having embezzled the money. The defendant insisted yesterday, however, that he had refused to sign a detailed confession and would probably have a good defence. When he was notified of the warrant against him he fled.

**"77"**  
**Humphreys' Seventy-seven**  
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"Watch Your Sneezes!"  
An eminent physician says: "A misstep is unfortunate, but a random sneeze is one of the most dangerous things we have to consider. Take a person who, through lack of sleep, hunger, sorrow or exposure to the elements is susceptible, add one explosive sneeze and you have at least one call for a doctor. No one wants to spread disease and this is the ideal time to watch your sneeze."

him he surrendered himself to Assistant United States Attorney Hershenstein. Miller lives at 1372 Seventy-ninth street, Brooklyn. He is married and has a three-year-old daughter. Unable to furnish bail he was sent to the Tombs.

**NEW YORK SAILS WITH 339.**  
American Liner Taking Christmas Mail to Liverpool.  
The American liner New York sailed yesterday for Liverpool with 339 cabin passengers and a large amount of Christmas mail.

Among those on board were Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey K. Butler, Mrs. Vermonie Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Harrington, George R. Jones, Graham Watson and Miss Isabella Whittier.

**SEEK NEW NAVAL BASE.**  
Commissioner is Inspecting Sites in Los Angeles Harbor.  
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—Inspection of proposed sites in Los Angeles harbor for a submarine and naval base and aviation station was begun today by Rear Admiral J. M. Hein and four other members of the naval commission on navy yards and stations, who arrived here last night.

Accompanying Admiral Hein were Chief Constructor W. L. Cappa, Civil Engineer H. H. Rousseau, Capt. G. W. McElroy and Commander C. L. Hussey, all of the United States navy. The commissioners will confer during their stay here with Major G. H. Pillsbury, United States Engineer Corps, in charge of this district, who has prepared data for their guidance, and with Lieut. Alfred Cunningham of the naval aero corps at San Diego. After completing the inspections here the commissioners will go to San Diego on a similar mission.

**COLLEGE CLUB IN PATERSON.**  
PATERSON, Nov. 25.—Graduates of Yale, Harvard, Brown, Princeton, Dartmouth and half a dozen other colleges met here last night and formed the Passaic County University Club, with these officers: Wayne Dumont, president; the Rev. Dr. William A. Waldo, vice-president; Dr. Charles R. Mitchell, secretary; Dr. Jacob A. Reinhardt, treasurer. There are 300 college graduates here and an effort will be made to enlist them all. Fifty are now members.

**STOLE TO SQUARE FORGERIES.**  
L. Thacker Has Confessed to Making Away With Automobiles.  
CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Arrested on a charge of stealing automobiles, Irwin L. Thacker, who, the police assert, has obtained more than \$250,000 through forgeries in various parts of the country, confessed to-day, according to the police, that he stole to repay victims of his forgeries.

Thacker was arrested in the Barbados last February on a charge that he had absconded from Chicago with \$100,000 belonging to a Chicago oil firm. The firm permitted him to go free on promise to repay. The police assert Thacker admits here and an effort will be made to enlist them all. Fifty are now members.

**BOGUS COAST GUARD HELD.**  
First Arrest in Illegal Use of U. S. Uniform.  
Charged with wearing illegally a United States uniform, Earl Goss, 17 years old, was held yesterday for the Federal Grand Jury by United States Commissioner McGoldrick in the Federal Building, Brooklyn. Goss is said to be the first person to be arrested under the "Sanctity of the uniform" clause of the National defence act which was passed last August by Congress.

When arrested Goss wore part of the uniform of the Coast Guard service and a cap indicating that he belonged to the crew of the Mohawk. As that vessel had steamed from the local navy yard last week officials became suspicious.

**INSURANCE IS URGED**  
**IN WAR ON DISEASE**  
Dr. Ira S. Wile Says Poverty Is Incompatible With the Health of the State.

Dr. Ira S. Wile in an article in the New York Medical Journal of November 22, says that the establishment in the United States of some form of health insurance so that the burden of unemployment and medical expenses of disabled workers may be lightened.

"It is almost axiomatic that disease entails poverty and poverty entails disease," Dr. Wile says in the article. "Health insurance is a measure which, properly developed, would decrease poverty and disease and generally raise the standard of health and living to a more civilized basis."

"As far as the general proposition of health insurance is concerned it may be admitted that physicians in general are in favor of it. The medical profession recognizes that social legislation is inevitable. The experience of foreign nations with accident insurance, health insurance, maternity insurance, old age insurance and unemployment insurance represents a distinct social advance in that the State, as a whole, thus manifests interest in the physical, mental and moral welfare of its citizens."

**RUNS FOR CAR; DROPS DEAD.**  
Philadelphia Nov. 25.—Dr. Laura A. Hughes of Boston, Mass., was elected president of the Spanish American War Nurses at the annual meeting of their organization here to-day. Brought by mail for the president and other officers were received from forty-three States and fifteen foreign countries. The 1917 meeting will be held in Boston.

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The AMERICAN SOCIETY has pledged itself to help several thousand orphans during the six months commencing November 1, and it desires to increase the number as speedily as possible and to extend the period of assistance. It will be doubly helpful to those in need if they can be assured at the outset of this winter, which will be exceptionally hard upon France that fixed aid from Americans can be relied upon to prevent actual suffering among orphans.

The needs of the WAR ORPHANS OF FRANCE peculiarly call for American sympathy and help, and it would be fitting if, at this period of NATIONAL THANKSGIVING, Americans contributed, each according to his means, to the

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now being raised by the American Society and thereby joined in extending a helping hand to France in a way most helpful to her and most likely to touch the hearts of her people, who are facing unparalleled calamities in a spirit of lofty patriotism which has thrilled the whole world. Americans should avail of this opportunity to relieve, so far as lies in their power, the orphaned and suffering children of French soldiers and in that manner make some return for the SERVICES and SACRIFICES of the FRANCE of LAFAYETTE and ROCHAMBEAU at the time of the American Revolution WHEN AMERICA NEEDED HELP. EVERY contribution, however small, will tend to increase the number of orphans whom the American Society can undertake to succor, and will help to discharge the debt for which Washington pledged our "most unalterable gratitude."

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- (1) Raising funds by voluntary contributions to be used for the aid and relief of needy French children whose fathers have lost their lives as the result of the present war in Europe, and
  - (2) Systematizing and centralizing the collection of funds in the United States for that purpose and their effective distribution in France.
- Its membership is divided into (1) "Founders," who contribute \$500 or more per annum; (2) "Benefactors," who contribute \$250 per annum; (3) "Sustaining Members," who contribute \$100 per annum, and (4) "Contributing Members," who contribute less than \$100 per annum.
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